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## STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES

1. WHETHER THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT EXECUTED BY BARBARA LANGLOIS AND CHRIS AND SHALECE VINSON RELEASED BRAD SCHREIBER FROM ANY POTENTIAL LEGAL MALPRACTICE CLAIM.

The trial court found that Chris and Shalece Vinson were joint tort-feasors with Brad Schreiber, and therefore, a settlement agreement and release executed by Vinsons and Langlois released Schreiber.

- o <u>Degen v. Bayman</u> (hereinafter <u>Degen II</u>), 241 N.W.2d 703 (S.D. 1976)
- o Schick v. Rodenburg, 397 N.W.2d 464, 468 (S.D. 1986)
- o Rosebud Sioux Tribe v. Strain, 432 N.W.2d 259 (S.D. 1988)
- o Bego v. Gordon, 407 N.W.2d 801 (S.D. 1987)

## 2. WHETHER A LEGAL MALPRACTICE CLAIM CAN BE THE FOUNDATION FOR JOINT TORT-FEASOR STATUS.

The trial court did not directly rule on this issue at the summary judgment hearing.

- o Keegan v. First Bank of Sioux Falls, 519 N.W.2d 607, 611 (S.D. 1994)
- o Chem-Age Indus., Inc. v. Glover, 2002 SD 122, 652 N.W.2d 756, 767
- o Haberer v. Rice, 511 N.W.2d 279, 286 (S.D. 1994)
- o Cox v. Geary, 271 Va. 141, 152-53, 624 S.E.2d 16, 22-23 (2006).